X-RAY APPARATUS—PALLURUTHI HOSPITAL—REMOVAL OF.

72. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder: Will the Government be pleased to State :—

(*a*) whether they have issued orders to remove the portable X-ray Apparatus from the Palluruthi Hospital;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the reason for the removal;

(*c*) the place to which it was removed;

(*d*) the qualification of the doctor in whose charge the apparatus is now placed?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government considered that the Trichur Hospital should have it in preference to the Palluruthi Hospital which is not far distant from the General Hospital where there is a fully equipped X-ray Department.

(*c*) The proposal is to transfer it to the Civil Hospital Trichur, but just at present it is kept in the Medical Stores Ernakulam, pending transport to Trichur.

(*d*) The apparatus has not been placed in charge of any doctor as arrangements for fixing it up at Trichur have not yet been taken on hand.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder: May I know, Sir, why the X-Ray Plant was ordered to be removed before making necessary arrangements at Trichur?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Arrangements are being made.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder: Sir, are there qualified hands at Trichur to work this plant?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Qualified hands will be appointed.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: പള്ളുരുത്തി ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിൽ ആരെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടോ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: ഉണ്ട്.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: അതു് ആരാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: ഓണറി സർജൻ ഡാക്ടർ ജേക്കബ്.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: What is the pre-mothorax treatment?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: I do not know whether these technical subjects should be discussed here.

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Mr. K. S. Panicker: ഈ എക്സ്റെ പള്ളുരുത്തിക്കായിട്ട് വരുത്തിയതാണോ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: ആദ്യം വിചാരിച്ചു വരുത്തിയതു പള്ളുരുത്തിക്കാണ്.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: ഉള്ളിക്കല്ല.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: അല്ല.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the hon'ble member kindly inform the House whether there is none on the regular service to take it up?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: None.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know, Sir, whether any treatment can be afforded by this X-ray for the Pnemothorax and what it is?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: X-ray apparatus is not for treatment. It is an apparatus just for screening and seeing the condition of the thorax or any broken bones, etc.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: To what caste does Mr. Jacobi, belong?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: He is a German Roman Catholic.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: What are his qualifications?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: He is an M. D., of the Berlin University.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: Is he given an honorarium?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Yes. He is given an honorarium of Rs. 30 per month.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: Is it a practice here to give an honorarium to other honorary Surgeons? If not, what is the special reason for giving him an honorarium?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Due to his special qualifications and the high degrees, he has.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: May I know whether he is a domiciled Cochinite?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: He is not.

Mr. M.K. Devassy: May I know whether there is an X-ray Apparatus at Ernakulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Yes. There is an X-ray.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know the distance from Ernakulam to Palluruthy?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: I dare say it is 5 miles.

Mr. K. S. Panicker: And his qualification is a German qualification. Is not it?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Yes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: May I know, Sir, whether there is any particular reason why a German should be appointed?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: He is an eminent Physician. He volunteered his services and we took advantage of that.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know whether the Government will be in a position to transfer this gentleman along with the X-ray?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: That seems to be a mistake, a sheer mistake. The apparatus for pnemothorax treatment has not been taken away from the Hospital. That is still there.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: My question is whether the doctor working with that apparatus will be transferred along with the Apparatus?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Some one else will be taken.

Mr. K. Kochukunjan Kaimal: What necessitated the transfer from Palluruthy to Trichur?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Government considered that Trichur deserves it better than Palluruthy.

Mr. K. Kochukunjan Kaimal: What was the consideration for installing it at first at Palluruthy when it was required at Trichur?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Palluruthy was a new Hospital and it was thought then that it may be fitted up with all the modern requirements.

Mr. President: Dr. Hans Jacobi is a very eminent physician from Germany who has been exiled from his country on account of anti-Jewish agitation and I think Cochin State is very lucky in having got the services of an eminent physician with high qualifications for a pittance of Rs. 30 per mensem. I think the hon'ble members need not be anxious. If you want a person of such qualifications probably you will have to pay him something more.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Will the Government be pleased to transfer him to Trichur?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will they try to get some more people like this? (*Laughter*).

Mr. President: If the hon'ble member comes to know of anybody he can let the Government know.

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